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For: **LEAD PROTECTIVE COATING COMPOSITION, PROCESS AND
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7 and 8, 13-15, 16 and 18, and cancel Claim 2-5 and 9-12 of the
above-referenced patent application as follows:

(FOURTH AMENDED) A composition comprising:

a cyanate ester resin consisting essentially of a cationically
polymerizable cyanate ester monomer, a cyanate ester prepolymer, or a mixture of the monomer
and prepolymer;

a filler for controlling thermal expansion of said composition and for assisting in
reinforcing said bond; and

a polymerization photoinitiator comprised of a catalytically effective amount of an

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